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## Bridge with Richard Ward

Bridge is a strategic game which uses critical thinking skills such as reasoning and logic. It is ideal for young people interested in learning about teamwork, co-operation and sportsmanship and sharpening their academic abilities. Registration is now open on the Australian Bridge Federation home page for a FREE online bridge course aimed at youth aged between 14 and 24. Lessons start on 1<sup>st</sup> May with practice sessions after that. Led by experienced professionals Novena Djurovic and Paul Marston, players will quickly develop new skills by playing with and against other emerging young bridge talent.

### NORTH

♠ A                      **N/ EW VUL/ TEAMS**  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ K Q J 6 3  
♣ J 7 3 2

### WEST

♠ Q 10 6 3 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ K 9 4

### EAST

♠ 9 8 5 4  
♥ K J 9 5  
♦ A  
♣ 10 8 6 5

### SOUTH

♠ K J 7  
♥ A 10 7 2  
♦ 10 9 7 4  
♣ A Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1D	PASS	1H
PASS	2C	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

West leads the fourth-highest spade won by dummy's ace. Why not break the poor habits of a lifetime and take a moment at trick one to count winners? : two spades, one heart, four diamonds (assuming not a 4-0 break) and one club = eight. Whilst the hearts are a tempting source of extra tricks, the 100 percent line is in clubs. Consequently, play a club to the queen before touching diamonds. West cannot attack spades effectively and there are now nine tricks.

**CAIRNS EASTER CONGRESS** [Director – Julie Jeffries]: **PAIRS** 1 Sandy Long / William Van Bakel; 2 Tony Lusk / Peerapan Maslen; **B** Melissa Pressley / Jane Gryg; **C** Robyn Boase / Sonja De Rooy; **TEAMS** 1 Cobie & Simon van Kruistum / Gideon Azar / Josephina Burrie; 2 Helen Rial / Danny Bowden / Klarika Tortely / Joan Campbell; **BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE EASTER CONGRESS** [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Kate Macdonald / Paul Gosney; Lyn & Jim Martin; **B** 1 Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman; 2 Wendy Gibson / Chris Woolley; **C** 1 Alex & Martin Wu; 2 Margaret Giebels / Chris Williams; **TEAMS** 1 Richard Fox / Christine Newbery / Andrew Woollons / Nikolas Moore; 2 Agnes & Barry Kempthorne / Jan Peach / Richard Ward; **B** 1 Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis / Ming Yang / Oliver Goodman; 2 Lauren Morgan / Jasmine & Laurie Skeate / Kate Macdonald.

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